

## Center Director Qualifications

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The center must have a director who is at least 21 years of age and who has **one** of the following educational credentials:

- an associates, bachelors, or graduate degree from an accredited college and successful completion of at least 12 semester credit hours of early childhood development courses;
- valid proof of a level 8, 9, or 10 Utah Early Childhood Career Ladder certification issued by the Utah Office of Child Care or the Utah Child Care Professional Development Institute;
- a **currently valid** national certification such as a Certified Childcare Professional (CCP) issued by the National Child Care Association, a Child Development Associate (CDA) issued by the Council for Early Childhood Professional Recognition, or other credential that the licensee demonstrates as equivalent to the Department; or
- a **currently valid** National Administrator Credential (NAC) issued by the National Child Care Association, **plus one of the following**:
  - valid proof of successful completion of 12 semester credit hours of early childhood development courses from an accredited college, or
  - valid proof of completion of the following six Utah Early Childhood Career Ladder courses offered through Child Care Resource and Referral: Child Development Ages and Stages, Learning in the Early Years, A Great Place for Kids, Strong and Smart, Learning to Get Along, and Advanced Child Development.

For information about Child Care Resource & Referral CDA, CCP, and CEU training, go to:  
[www.ccpdi.usu.edu](http://www.ccpdi.usu.edu)

For information about Utah's Career Ladder Program for child care providers, go to:  
[www.ccpdi.usu.edu](http://www.ccpdi.usu.edu)

For information about obtaining a CDA credential, go to:  
<http://cdacouncil.org>

For information about obtaining a CCP credential, go to:  
<http://nccanet.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=34>

For information about obtaining a NAC credential, contact Johnny Anderson at:  
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